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Applicant: Vishnu K. Agarwal

Attorney Docket No.: 501082.02 (30051/US/1)

Serial No. : 09/652,994

: 2815 Group Art Unit

Filed

: August 31, 2000

Examiner

: Jesse A. Fenty

Title

: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A

CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUSLY-FILED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

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Sir:

Applicant requests that the enclosed Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements, which were originally filed on May 28, 2003 and June 23, 2003, be considered and made of record in the above-identified patent application.

During a review of the file for the above-identified application, applicant's representative discovered that a signed copy of the PTO-1449's filed on May 28, 2003 and June 23, 2003, have not been received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. In the Examiner's comment in the Notice Of Allowance dated September 2, 2003, Examiner Jesse A. Fenty states that these Information Disclosure Statements have not been received in the application file. Enclosed is a copy of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements and date-stamped postcards indicating that the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements were received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 30, 2003 and June 27, 2003 respectively.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at (206) 903-8787 should there be any questions regarding this request.

Applicant believes that no fee is due with this communication. Should a fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Respectfully submitted,

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Copy of Supplemental IDS filed May 28, 2003

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97 through 1.98, applicant wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office the references set forth on the attached form PTO-1449 (copies of the cited references, as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, are enclosed). Although the aforesaid references are made known to the Patent and Trademark Office in compliance with applicant's duty to disclose all information he is aware of which is believed relevant to the examination of the above-identified application, applicant believes that his invention is patentable.

I hereby certify that no item set forth on the attached form PTO-1449 was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to my knowledge, after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

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